

LIQUOR SEIZED IN THREE DAYS WORTH \$25,000

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Police Activity Nets Confiscation of Trucks, Contraband and Arrests

Police activity here during the past three days has resulted in the seizure of liquor and alcohol valued at more than \$25,000, the arrest of four men and the issuance of a warrant for the apprehension of another.

Included in the seizures were two motor trucks and two alleged booze plants, where cologne was removed from alcohol so that the latter liquid could be used for hooch purposes.

The latest seizure was made last night when Patrolman Thomas Jones halted a truck at North Clinton Avenue and Ott Street and arrested John Bernstein, 36 years old, of 934 Stuyvesant Avenue, when he found that the vehicle was loaded with 110 cases of liquor with a value estimated at between \$8,500 and \$10,000. Bernstein, who refuses to divulge any information concerning the truck and its cargo, is being held on an illegal transportation charge. The vehicle has the name, "New Jersey Paint & Oil Company, 22 Market Street, Trenton," painted on its sides and is registered in the name of Abe Mogul, 159 Cooper Street.

Others who have been arrested as the result of the crusade on booze are Theodore Mondl, and his father, Dominick, nabbed by Hamilton Township police after a truck driven by the younger man had not been brought to a halt at a "stop street" intersection. They were nabbed when it was found that the vehicle was loaded with alcohol in metal drums. A subsequent investigation led to the raiding by police and Federal authorities of the garage of Tony Maggio, Cummings and Whittaker Avenues, and the seizure of 1,500 gallons of alcohol. Maggio likewise was arrested and held under bail of \$3,000.

While Lieutenant Sigafos and dry agents from Newark were supervising the removal of the hooch from Maggio's establishment, they were approached by a man who asked what they were after. They replied that they wanted to purchase alcohol and the man, unaware of their identity, led them to a garage on Roebling Avenue, said to be conducted by Alfredo Barnucchi, of 419 Commonwealth Avenue. Here another large quantity of alcohol and cologne, together with much distilling apparatus, was seized. Barnucchi was not on the premises at the time, and is now being sought.

Sigafos said today that the seizures were not connected in any way and that it is almost impossible to learn the source or the destination of the liquor seized last night. Unless Bernstein will make a statement, the authorities can only charge him with illegal transportation and destroy the contraband.

MOVE IS MADE TO TEST RIGHTS OF RUM BUYERS

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Dry Chief Doubtful of Value of U. S. Senators' Action

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DECISION BY COURT STIRS UP QUESTION

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—An inquiry to determine whether the government may prosecute buyers of liquor under section 6 of the Volstead act which prohibits manufacture, sale or purchase of liquor without a permit was proposed today by Senator Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, author of the 18th Amendment.

Sheppard, in a statement, said he would ask Attorney General Mitchell to "institute an inquiry with a view to seeing if a policy of enforcement against the purchaser of liquor for beverage purposes may be instituted under section six."

The Texan said a recent decision of a Kentucky Federal Judge, who instructed a Grand Jury to return indictments under the section, might "result in the punishment of such buyers under existing law if sustained by the highest court," but he added that all question ought to be removed.

"No one can escape the proposition," he said, "that the buyer of intoxicating liquor is equally guilty with the seller, if the liquor traffic is to be considered a crime."

Sheppard recently proposed an amendment to the act which would provide for prosecution of the buyer of liquor.

F. Scott McBride, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, in a statement today said it was an open question whether the Sheppard bill to make buyers of liquor equally guilty with sellers would help enforcement.

"Many dries are persuaded that it would be a hindrance rather than a help," he said. "Rarely is a sale of liquor made in the presence of a third party. The conviction of the seller must almost invariably depend upon the testimony of the buyer. To accomplish the conviction of the buyer it would be necessary to grant immunity to the seller."

He added the measure had not been considered formally by either the executive or administrative committees of the league, but it appeared to him the importance of the matter had been exaggerated.

press is doing its share.

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FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADE

Seizure of a boat with a carload of liquor valued at \$30,000 and the sinking of another with a similar load, in Raritan Bay, has led to the report that rum-runners are establishing another booze supply station off the New Jersey coast.

Well, it is about time to prepare for the holiday trade. Thanksgiving Day is little more than a month away, and the bootleggers must be ready to fill orders from their Christmas and New Year's customers.